

## DECLARES IN FAVOR FUSION

REPUBLICANS OF SAN FRANCISCO WILL ALIGN WITH THE UNION LABORITES.

[By Associated Press.]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The Republican county convention tonight enthusiastically declared itself in favor of fusion in the nomination of mayor and district attorney, by empowering the chair to appoint a committee of five to confer with the Democratic and Union Labor conventions, the latter of which is to be held on the 19th. The date for holding the Democratic convention has not been fixed. A feature of the convention was the absolute control of it by Daniel Ryan, who at the primaries led the so-called reform element to victory. An unconfirmed program is that District Attorney Langdon would be renominated and that Ryan would be nominated for mayor. Ryan himself smashed the slate by declaring against the "elevation of man above party." After adjournment Ryan said to the Associated Press: "I am absolutely and unqualifiedly for the re-nomination of District Attorney Langdon. I do not wish my name to figure in the mayoralty nomination. This is a time when men should be subordinated to principle."

## CONFERENCE ON ALTON IMMUNITY

[By Associated Press.]  
CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Attorney General Bonaparte arrived in Chicago tonight from Boston to confer with District Attorney Sims on the Alton immunity case. Speaking of the Alton case, Bonaparte said: "We will go over the entire situation tomorrow. It is likely, however, that an announcement of our position will be made until September 24th, when the Federal Grand Jury reconvenes."

## PROTOCOL SIGNED LOOKING TO PEACE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A protocol was signed at the State Department today by the diplomatic representatives of the five Central American republics accepting the invitation of the United States and Mexico to meet here at an early date to negotiate any agreement providing for permanent peace between the countries represented.

## Four Men Are Killed In an Auto Runaway

COLORADO SPRINGS, Sept. 17.—Four men were killed in an automobile crash following a wild ride down the West Huofano street hill at 3 o'clock this morning. Four others were terribly injured. The machine is the one which ran over and killed C. V. Dasey in the recent race at Overland Park in Denver. The accident is the worst ever known in Colorado Springs.  
The dead: L. L. Graves, Colorado Springs; John S. Grey, New York; W. H. H. Con; H. Winnall, London.  
The injured: George Buckley, Colorado Springs; C. L. James, London; F. H. Ward, Colorado Springs, and Chauffer Markheffer, Colorado Springs.  
The machine is a six-cylinder, four-horsepower Ford. The eight men were crowded into the tonneau, which is intended to carry but four. The summit drop down the hill

## NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR COCKTAILS

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 17.—Because of the wide publicity given to the statement of Bishop Berry of Detroit that either President Roosevelt or Secretary Loeb and not Mr. Fairbanks was responsible for the cocktails at a luncheon tendered by the Vice-President at Indianapolis, Secretary Loeb today issued the following formal statement in denial: "The statement is too absurd to be given any credence. Neither the President or his secretary, either directly or indirectly, ordered anything of any kind at the luncheon in question or at any other luncheon where they were guests."

## CHICAGO'S NEW CHARTER REJECTED

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—The new charter authorized by the State legislature at the last session for the city of Chicago, was rejected by the voters at today's special election by a majority of over 62,000. Little more than half of the registered vote was cast. The final figures are unofficial, showing 594,066 ballots for the charter and 122,057 against. The total vote polled was 131,000, out of a registered vote of 361,969. The light vote was due in some measure to the fact that the election was a special one and that granting time off for the purpose of voting was optional with employers and in a majority of cases voters were obliged to go to the polls before going to work or not at all.

## NO SCORE BALL GAME WAS PLAYED

PORTLAND, Sept. 17.—An agreement between the managers of the Los Angeles and Portland teams to call the game at the end of the ninth inning in case of a tie, because of darkness, today resulted in a no-score game which ended with the sun brightly shining and an hour high. Some good playing by both teams at critical stages kept either side from scoring. Los Angeles got six hits and no errors, Portland four hits and three errors.

## PETTIBONE TOO SICK TO APPEAR

BOISE, Sept. 17.—George A. Pettibone was unable to appear in court this morning to have his case set for trial. An affidavit made by his physician declares that he is suffering from ulcer of the bladder and unless it is checked it will prove fatal. An operation may be necessary and the physician fears that the patient will be unable to survive it.

## NINETEEN DIE FROM PLAGUE

Dr. Blue Who Has Assumed Charge By Direction of the Federal Authorities, Says While Situation Is Grave It Is Still Within Control.

[By Associated Press.]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The board of health reports thirty-eight cases of bubonic plague to date, nineteen deaths and nineteen cases under observation. Health Officer Gunn reported that of seventy-two rats bacteriologically examined within the last forty-eight hours, only five showed symptoms of plague, and only one was positively confirmed as carrying the germ.  
Dr. Rupert Blue of the marine hospital service, who has been placed in charge of the situation by the Federal authorities, said that Dr. Rucker, who was sent here from the Jamestown exposition, reported to him for assignment today. He has had an extensive experience in the treatment of plague and cholera. Doctors Creel and Vogel, who reached Seattle last Saturday from the Philippines, will arrive in San Francisco tomorrow and report to Dr. Blue. The assumption of charge by Dr. Blue was marked today by the employment of 100 men to do disinfectant work. The twelve physicians who have been placed in charge of the city districts will report to Dr. Blue tomorrow and carry out any orders which he has to issue. Dr. Blue said that there is no danger of San Francisco being quarantined. He considers the situation, while grave, within control.

## Enormous Profits of Standard Oil Company

[By Associated Press.]  
NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Delving into the financial working of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, now the holding company of all subsidiary organizations of the so-called oil trust, Frank B. Kellogg, conducting a Federal suit for the dissolution of the company, brought to public view today for the first time the enormous profits made by the company. In eight years, from 1899 to 1906, inclusive, the Standard Oil Company, by a statement spread upon its records today, was shown

## STANDARD OIL MAY NOT PAY

[By Associated Press.]  
CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—The \$29,000,000 fine of the Standard Oil Company may be wiped out of existence on technicalities, if the schemes of the Standard Oil lawyers are carried to fruition. The outcome depends largely upon the decision of Judge Landis in the immunity case of the Chicago and Alton railroad, September 24. If the Alton is granted immunity, the Standard Oil will plead that their lawyers should have been apprised of this immunity, so as to have been able to question the railroad clerk about it. On the stand they will claim that the fine was illegal and should be set aside.

## MINERS REWARDED.

REDDING, Sept. 17.—Three hundred miners employed in the Balakala mine near Coram have been allowed two days' extra pay because they fought fire so well at the mine last Tuesday night, when the change-room and lodging house were burned at a loss of \$3000. By their efforts the terminal station of the aerial tramway, costing several thousand dollars and standing close to the buildings destroyed, was saved. The company wished to reward the miners who fought the fire and in order not to miss any deserving one decided to pay every man on the payroll at the time of the fire, two days' extra pay. Only about half the miners were in the fire brigade, some of

## PROSPECTOR IS HOLDUP VICTIM

GOLDFIELD, Sept. 17.—J. L. Halburn of Blair was held up and robbed of \$52, three miles west of Goldfield late last night by two masked men. The men escaped and are believed to have taken a train for Los Angeles.  
Halburn is prospecting near Blair and was on his way to Goldfield to buy provisions. He drove a two-horse team. The horses were traveling rapidly when the two men sprang from opposite sides of the road and ordered him to halt. He struck the horses with his whip, but two bullets zipping by his ears made him change his mind and he drew rein quickly. The men ordered him to climb down from the wagon. He did so and one held an automatic revolver in his face while the other searched his pockets. In addition to the money, a number of valuable nuggets were taken.  
After finishing their work the bandits mounted their horses, which were tied to a nearby Joshua tree, and rode away in the darkness. Halburn could not be certain as to which direction they took.  
Several other holdups have been attempted recently on the road between Silver Peak and Goldfield and prospectors of the former district believe the bandits have a rendezvous somewhere in the mountains.  
them being at home and in bed when the blaze occurred.

## SHELL EXPLODES KILLING FORTY

TOKIO, Sept. 17.—Forty of the crew of the Japanese battleship Kashima were killed and scores of others injured in an explosion of a 12-inch shell during the target practice near Kure yesterday. The Kashima, under Captain Kozumi, reached Kure at 6 o'clock. The wounded were taken to a hospital. Details are lacking, but it is known that the ship was badly damaged by the terrific explosion which followed an attempt to remove an unexploded shell from a gun. The injured are terribly mutilated. It is stated unofficially that the casualties include five officers and thirty-five men.

## SHOOTS WOMAN; THEN SUICIDES

GOLDFIELD, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Bertha Deschamps was shot through the abdomen last night by her admirer, Paul Archibald, at the home of Frank Kodadek, where she had gone for refuge, about 10:45 o'clock. Archibald walked away into the sage brush and was found later with a bullet through his heart. Mrs. Deschamps still has a chance for recovery, as the bullet passed through the abdomen and probing will not be necessary.

[By Associated Press.]  
NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Lead weak, \$4.65 to \$4.75; lake cop- per weak, \$15.50 to \$16; silver 67 5-8.

## THIRTY PERSONS ARE DROWNED

[By Associated Press.]  
TOKIO, Sept. 17.—Thirty persons were drowned and 100 houses burned early this morning at the Kosaki mine near Kotaru. Fire started in the works of the mine and while attempts were being made to save it the reservoir broke, flooding a portion of the village. Many of the victims were women and children.

## RIGGS' HOLDUP WAS PUT-UP JOB

GOLDFIELD, Sept. 17.—As had been suspected, the "holdup" of Herbert E. Riggs, bookkeeper for E. H. Newlands on Columbia street, Friday night, has apparently proven to be a put-up game.  
Riggs was said last night to have made a complete confession during the day, and last evening Deputy Sheriff Grant and a companion went to a stable back of Carpenters' Hall, where Riggs lived, and dug up eleven \$20 gold pieces, buried there. Riggs is said to have admitted where he buried the coin. He is also said to have admitted that he sent \$330 by Wells Fargo money order back East. Some \$600 is still unaccounted for.

## ALLEGED ASYLUM SCANDAL

BRUTAL TREATMENT OF INSANE PATIENTS IN CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 17.—Because of startling charges regarding alleged brutal treatment of patients in the Southern California State Hospital for the Insane at Patton, made yesterday by A. W. L. Dunn, a Los Angeles newspaper man, Governor Gillette has ordered an investigation of the institution. The executive summoned Dr. F. W. Hatch of the State lunacy commission, who is general superintendent of the State hospital, and instructed him to go to Patton at once and look into matters thoroughly with a view of determining if the charges are true. Governor Gillette requested Hatch to report to him as soon as possible.  
In the event that Hatch finds evidence substantiating Dunn's allegations, a rigid investigation of the authorities at the Southern California hospital will be commenced immediately.

ELECTION RETURNS.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 17.—Early returns from today's election indicate the ratification of the constitution by an overwhelming majority. C. N. Haskell, Democrat, is leading for governor and the State prohibition proposition is believed to have carried.

## SPLENDID BEQUEST OF MASTER MASON

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.—Under the will of the late Thomas R. Patter, treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, who died recently, his entire estate, valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, is devised to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the education and support of male orphans of Master Masons.

## BRUTAL ACT OF POLICE OFFICERS

SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Mary A. Woodcock, a female druggist, was arrested today for selling liquor to a policeman without a physician's prescription. For six hours she was held in the city prison without bail while her five children were alone in rooms at the rear of Mrs. Woodcock's little drug store. Then Chief of Police Wapenstein heard of the circumstances and ordered the woman released on bail.  
The patrolman called upon Mrs. Woodcock to sell him liquor on the plea that his wife was dangerously ill. She has been conducting a Pike street drug store since her husband was sent to an asylum a few months ago.

## Gradually Securing Jury for Ford Trial

[By Associated Press.]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Two jurors were added today to the eight already sworn in to try T. J. Ford. As the jury now stands there are ten men finally accepted and sworn and each side has the making of one peremptory challenge. The proceedings were prematurely brought to a close by the exhaustion of the summoned panel. Judge Lawlor ordered the "big box," in which were deposited in January twenty-four hundred names of talesmen to serve for all trials in various departments of the Superior Court, brought in. It was then ascertained that only thirty-eight names remained. These were drawn as an ordinary venire and the sheriff was ordered to return them into court on Thursday morning, an adjournment being taken over Wednesday on account of services to be held in the auditorium of the Temple Israel, incident to the celebration of Yom Kippur. It is expected by counsel that the impanelment of the jury will be completed Friday.